



## Gordon Ray Thomas

July 18, 1948 - December 12, 2013

Gordon Ray Thomas, son of Vida and Arthur Thomas, was born July 18, 1948 in Salt Lake City, Utah, the youngest of four children. He attended schools in the Granite School District, graduating from Olympus High School.

He served honorably in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam conflict and later was employed by the Veterans Administration at First Step House in Salt Lake City helping rehabilitate veterans.

Gordon passed away December 11, 2013 in Salt Lake City at age 65. He was preceded in death by both parents and his oldest brother, Arthur Del Thomas. He is survived by his sister, Lyle Barton and brother, Alan Ross Thomas. He is also survived by a beloved son, Michael R Wirthlin and his family, and Gordon's cherished companion, Sue Randall. Gordon will also be missed by his many cousins, nieces, nephews and close friends.

We express our appreciation for the care Gordon received from the Veterans Administration Hospital and other facilities. Family graveside services will be held Monday, December 23 at Camp Williams Cemetery with military honors. Also family and friends will hold a celebration of life for Gordon at the beginning of the New Year.

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to your favorite charity or the Veterans Hospital.

# Cemetery

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## **Utah Veterans Memorial Park - Camp Williams**

17111 S. Camp Williams Road

Bluffdale, UT, 84065

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**Terry Garlick** - December 23, 2013 at 11:25 AM

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**Michael Wirthlin** - December 21, 2013 at 04:30 PM

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**Becky Coombs** - December 21, 2013 at 11:15 AM



“ Great pics!

**Mike Wirthlin** - December 22, 2013 at 10:09 AM

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“ All I can can is my brother LeRoy and Gordy together again... God has no idea what he has gotten himself into.



**Sue Davis** - December 21, 2013 at 09:43 AM

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Serenity Funeral Home - December 20, 2013 at 05:48 PM



“ Dearest Gordy, life was not easy for you. You overcame obstacles many of your friends and family didn't know about, and you did it with courage, on your own. Your example of courage and compassion are a strength to me as I "fight my own battles."

I will never forget the race-bug, playing "big brother, little sister," ducking down in the car at the drive-in during A Hard Day's Night when girls walked past, or our midnight chats. I like you for always, I love you forever, now and for always my "fave-unc" you'll be! -Beck

**Becky Coombs** - December 21, 2013 at 10:36 AM



“ There were significant times in my life when I thought that this was the only person in my family who had any clue what I was going through. He knew what to say to me. He knew how to make me feel like I was not a screw-up, even though I screwed up. Like I was worth every bit as much if not more.... There was no judgment, no preaching, no advice, no directions, just understanding, acceptance, and love. He made me feel loved when I thought I was alone.... Even though he was not as frequent a Person in my life as I would have liked, he was so important to me. I have a few very pivotal and vivid moments in my life where I actively made some very hard decisions and there were some people who have been there for me helping me at these moments even though they did not know it, and Uncle Gordy was definitely one of these people. I love you Uncle Gordy.

I will never forget, He said to me:

"You know what Rachel? All of that stuff, it doesn't matter. It doesn't matter what any of them think. The only person that matters what they think is you. And YOU know what's right for you. And if you are happy, screw em. And if your not, figure out what will make you happy and do it. Go after it and do it. But you've got to listen to you. They all love you. But you've got to love you more."

- Rachel Coombs

**Rachel Coombs** - December 23, 2013 at 03:25 PM